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REMARKS			

1. On 11 July 1955, the Mandau Kaserne in Zittau was occupied by KVP soldiers who wore red-bordered black collar patches.
2. On 13 July, KVP soldiers wearing light-blue and red-bordered black collar patches were seen in the barracks installation on Georgewitzer Strasse in Loebau.
3. In mid-July, the occupation strength of the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg had increased by approximately 100 recruits. Drill, firing practices and field training were conducted in the vicinity of the post almost daily. After a considerable interval, tank drivers were seen driving 5 or 6 tanks, presumably T-34/85s, have again been observed in the post area.
4. From 18 July to 10 August, a KVP engineer unit at the training grounds south of Muehlberg was repeatedly seen practicing ferrying on the Elbe River. Approximately 15 trucks some of them carrying steel pontoons and one crane truck were seen at the bank. Ten pneumatic boats were near a four-mast tent. On 8 August, several Soviet officers inspected the practices.¹
5. In late July, an infantry unit of the KVP was stationed in Weissenfels. Elements of this unit were in a summer camp in the area of Annaberg/Erzgebirge. On termination of this camping time, they were scheduled to be transferred to another camp near Glauchau, and subsequently to be employed in harvesting the potato crop.
6. In early August, the occupation strength of the Artillerie Kaserne in Weissenfels appeared to have increased. KVP soldiers wore black and red collar patches. Some of them were engaged in athletics and maintenance work. On 5 August, approximately 40 KVP soldiers wearing protective clothing and carrying equipment left the installation.²
7. In early August, a large tent at which approximately 120 KVP soldiers were served was noted at the bank of the Werra River near Mhla. Approximately 20 small pontoons were near the tent. Some KVP soldiers and more pontoons were on the opposite bank, somewhat downstream.³

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8. From 19 July to 9 August, the Technische Werke in Gera were still occupied by KVP soldiers who wore red service color. Drill and field training with light and heavy infantry weapons were observed.

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9. On 3 August, a troop train consisting of 10 flatcars and 6 boxcars and coming from the direction of Erfurt passed through Weimar and proceeded toward Jena. The train carried approximately 200 KVP soldiers, 4 mortars of presumably 82-mm caliber, 6 AT guns of presumably 57-mm caliber and 10 trucks. The shipment was covered with dirt.⁴

1. Comment. The troops were presumably elements of the Engr Bn Zeithain of the Mtz Rifle Div, Halle which use the Soviet training grounds south of Muehlberg.

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2. Comment. The occupation strength of the Artillerie Kaserne in Weissenfels possibly appeared to have been increased because the units stationed in the installation had returned from the training grounds north of Torgau in late July. The soldiers wearing protective clothing probably belonged to the chemical defense platoon of the 3d Mtz Rifle Regt.

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3. Comment. The tent apparently belonged to the summer camp of elements of the Engr Bn Muehlhausen of the Mtz Rifle Div, Erfurt.

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4. Comment. The troop train probably carried elements of the Mtz Rifle Regt Gera which returned from a training grounds.

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